

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 8-13 are pending in this application. By the Office Action, claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. By this Amendment, claims 1, 10, and 11 are amended and claim 7 is canceled. Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 7; claim 10 is amended into independent form to incorporate the subject matter of claims 1 and 9; and claim 11 is amended into independent form. No new matter is added.

The present application includes a claim for priority to an earlier filed application. Applicant has not yet received from the Examiner acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy of the priority application from the International Bureau. The Examiner is requested to acknowledge receipt of the certified copy in the next Office Action.

I. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over WO 02/071824 (using U.S. Patent No. 6,884,936 as an English equivalent). Although the detailed Office Action indicates only that claims "12-13" are rejected, Applicants understand that claims 1-13 were intended, and address the rejection as such. Claims 1, 10, and 11 are amended. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection with respect to the amended claims.

The cited reference discloses an electromagnetic wave shield film comprising a transparent base, a conductor positioned on the transparent base via an adhesive and having a mesh geometric pattern, and an earth portion arranged around the conductor and including conductive regions which absorb electromagnetic waves, and non-conductive regions which prevent the earth portion from being creased. US '936 at Abstract.

However, the reference does not teach or suggest the features of the amended independent claims. With respect to independent claim 1, the cited reference at least fails to teach or suggest that in the electromagnetic shielding sheet, the width of lines forming meshes in the peripheral mesh part continuously increases from the mesh part toward the grounding

frame. See, for example, Fig. 6 of the present application, which shows this feature. Instead, the reference only teaches a mesh geometric pattern, and does not teach or suggest any change in line width of the mesh.

With respect to independent claim 10, the cited reference at least fails to teach or suggest that in the electromagnetic shielding sheet, at least one of surfaces of the metal layer is treated by a blackening treatment, and an antirust layer is formed at least on the surface of the metal layer treated by the blackening treatment. The cited reference includes no mention whatsoever of an antirust layer, and thus does not teach or suggest including such an antirust layer anywhere in the disclosed structure.

With respect to independent claim 11, the cited reference at least fails to teach or suggest that in the electromagnetic shielding sheet at least meshes in the mesh part and the peripheral mesh part are filled up with a resin for substantial planarization of the metal layer. This feature is nowhere taught or suggested by the cited reference.

Accordingly, the cited reference fails to teach or suggest all of the limitations of the claimed invention. Nor would one of ordinary skill in the art have been motivated to modify the cited reference so as to provide the claimed invention. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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